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TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

FURTHER TO OUR DISCUSSION TUESDAY ON THE GENEVA GROUP, YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE USG TOOK THE LEAD IN DEVISING A "STANDARD ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK" FOR BUDGETS WITH THE OBJECT OF GETTING ALL GG CAPITALS TO APPROACH SPECIALIZED AGENCY BUDGETS ALONG SIMILAR ANALYTICAL PATHS AND WITHIN COMMONLY AGREED CATEGORIES. WE THINK IT WOULD THEREFORE HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY USEFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS OF THE UNESCO BUDGET CONVEYED IN REFTEL COULD HAVE CONFORMED TO THE AGREED MODEL. BY DEMONSTRATING THE UTILITY OF AN APPROACH WHICH WE OURSELVES PROMOTED, IT WOULD CONSIDERABLY ADVANCE OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP COMMON APPROACHES TO BUDGET QUESTIONS AND THUS HELP WELD THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TOGETHER IN A MORE EFFECTIVE LOBBY. WITH THIS IN MIND, COULD THE UNESCO BREAKDOWN AND ANALYSIS BE REORGANIZED ACCORDINGLY? FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROBLEM OF "RECASTING" THE BUDGET BASE WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDER-

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ABLE DISCUSSION. IF WE COULD PRODUCE A UNESCO BUDGET ANALYSIS IN THE "STANDARD ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK" THAT WOULD BREAK OUT THE FACTORS THAT GO INTO RECASTING THE BASE, IT WOULD GIVE US A POWERFUL TALKING POINT AT THE UPCOMING MAY GG CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING THAT YOU WILL BE CHAIRING. VANDEN HEUVEL

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